

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing a rotor core to be fixed around a rotary shaft, comprising constraining an intermediate blank having an axis and multiple magnetic pole claws that protrude coaxially with the blank axis from a circumference of the blank and an inner perimetric surface of the magnetic pole claw and applying a forming pressure radially toward the blank axis so as to form a tapered surface on only one side of an outer perimetric end-perimeter of each of the magnetic pole claws, as viewed in the circumferential direction, and a permanent-magnet fastener on an inner perimetric end of each of the magnetic pole claws.

2. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 1, wherein the tapered surface and the permanent-magnet fastener are formed by the same applied forming force ~~applied~~.

3. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 1, wherein the tapered surface and the permanent-magnet fastener are formed simultaneously by the applied forming force ~~applied~~.

4. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 1, wherein a die having multiple component parts ~~constraints~~ constrains and ~~pressure forms~~ pressure-forms the intermediate blank and the inner perimetric surface of each magnetic pole claw.

5. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 1, wherein the tapered surface and ~~the permanent-magnetic~~ permanent-magnet fastener are respectively formed on sides of each of the magnetic pole claws ~~said outer and said inner perimetric ends of said rotor core.~~

6. (Previously Presented) The method of according to Claim 5, wherein the magnetic pole claws are formed all together while the inner perimetric surfaces thereof are simultaneously constrained by a die.

7. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 6, wherein each magnetic pole claw is formed while the inner perimetric surface thereof is constrained individually by a die.

8. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 1, further comprising trimming off any unnecessary portion from the permanent-magnet fastener.

9. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 1, wherein the tapered surface and permanent-magnet fastener are volumetrically adjusted for forming into a predetermined shape.

10. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 1, wherein joining of the intermediate blank and magnetic pole claw together is effected by a constraint force applied from the plate portion that operatively associates the magnetic pole claws of the intermediate blank with each other.

11. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing a generator, comprising forging a rotor core to be fixed around a facing rotary shaft , constraining by a die an intermediate blank having multiple magnetic pole claws that protrude in the same direction on a circumference of the blank and an inner perimetric surface of the magnetic pole claws, and a process of applying a forming pressure in a radial direction so as to form a tapered surface on only one side of the an outer perimetric end-perimeter of each of the magnetic pole claws, as viewed in a circumferential direction, and a permanent-magnet fastener on an inner perimetric end .

12. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 11, wherein the tapered surface and the fastener are formed simultaneously on the

inner and outer perimetric ends in the same circumferential direction,
respectively.

13. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 11,
wherein the magnetic pole claws are formed all together while at the same time
the inner perimetric surfaces of all magnetic pole claws are constrained.

14. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 11,
wherein each magnetic pole claw is formed while the inner perimetric surface
thereof is constrained individually.